Year 2: Mechanisms Knowledge Mat

Subject	Specific Vocabulary	Fixed axle and moving axle	Important knowledge about mechanisms:
wheel	A circular object that revolves on an axle to allow a vehicle to move.		☐ I know what mechanism makes a toy or vehicle roll forwards.
axle	A rod or spindle (either fixed or rotating) passing through the	Dowel or paper slicks used to make axle Wheel	☐ I know that a wheel must be attached to an axle. ☐ I can draw and label a
	centre of a wheel.	Plastic fubing or straw	diagram of an axle, wheel and axle holder.
axle holder	The component through which an axle fits and rotates.		☐ I know the difference between a fixed axle and moving axle.
chassis	The frame or base on which a vehicle is built.	Loose fitting hole for axle, loosely fixed wheels Plasticine or	☐ I know what makes a wheel and an axle work.
vehicle	A thing used for transporting people or goods.	masking tape	☐ I can design a moving vehicle which includes functioning wheels, axles and axle holders.
criteria	A standard for judging, evaluating or selecting something.	Different types of wheels and axle holders	I can use a range of tools and equipment.
template	A shape drawn to help with cutting out shapes.		☐ I know what I need to do first, next, last.
mock up	A model which allows us to try out ideas using cheaper materials and temporary joints.	Wood/card/MDF Plastic	☐ I know what materials, joining techniques and finishing techniques I am going to use and why.
evaluate	To judge how a product meets a chosen criteria.		☐ I know how to improve my design to make it even better.
measure	To ascertain the size or amount of something using standard units.	Cotton reels Foam covered reels	